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SUBJ: GENEVA GROUP--FOLLOW-UP TO CONSULTATIVE LEVEL XIV

REF: (A) STATE 104798; (B) GENEVA 2611

1. MISSION APPRECIATES GUIDANCE CONTAINED REF (A) FOR
UPCOMING GENEVA GROUP GENERAL MEETING NOW SCHEDULED FOR
MAY 25. HOWEVER, WE ALSO NEED DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON
ITEMS B, D, E, AND F OF PARA 7 OF REF (A) AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

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2. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY UK CO-CHAIRMAN
(ALEXANDER) THAT WHO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL FURTH
HAS INFORMALLY TOLD HIM THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL MAHLER
WILL BE SENDING PLANNING FIGURES FOR 1980-81 BUDGET
BIENNIUM TO REGIONAL DIRECTORS THE LAST WEEK IN MAY,
AND THAT IF THE GENEVA GROUP WISHES TO HAVE ANY
INDICATIVE TARGET FIGURES TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WE

MUST PRESENT THEM TO THE DG BY THEN. UK CO-CHAIRMAN FEELS--AND WE AGREE--THAT UNLESS WE GIVE AN ITF TO THE DG BY THEN, WE WILL BE PRETTY MUCH LOCKED INTO A SET OF FIGURES FOR THE 1980-81 BUDGET.

3. WE WILL, OF COURSE, PRESS ARGUMENTS FOR A PAUSE FOR CONSOLIDATION, AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL (A). REALISTICALLY, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET AGREEMENT FROM OTHER GENEVA GROUP COUNTRIES ON THIS CONCEPT. IN FACT, OUR BRITISH AND CANADIAN COLLEAGUES TELL US THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO GO ALONG WITH A CONCEPT OF ZERO REAL GROWTH, ALTHOUGH THEY WOULD LIKE TO KEEP REAL GROWTH DOWN TO A VERY LOW FIGURE. THE TOLERABLE RANGE OF REAL GROWTH THAT WE HEAR OTHER GENEVA GROUP COUNTRIES TALKING ABOUT RANGES BETWEEN 1 AND 2 PERCENT. WE BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT WE NEED FLEXIBILITY IN OUR INSTRUCTIONS, KEEPING IN MIND THAT OUR REAL OBJECTIVE IS TO GET THE GENEVA GROUP FINALLY TO AGREE TO A TARGET FIGURE AROUND WHICH WE CAN DO PROGRAM ANALYSIS AND USE AS A RATIONAL BASIS FOR TAKING A FIRM LINE WITH THE WHO SECRETARIAT. IT SEEMS TO US, THEREFORE, THAT IF WE CAN FINALLY GET EVERYONE IN THE GENEVA GROUP TO AGREE ON A FIGURE--SO LONG AS IT DOESN'T EXCEED 2 PERCENT--WE WILL HAVE MADE A BREAKTHROUGH. IN THIS CASE, OUR CONCEPT OF A PAUSE WILL HAVE USEFULLY SERVED AS A CATALYST IN ARRIVING AT AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, ALL THIS MUST NOW BE ACCOMPLISHED QUICKLY TO HAVE THE INTENDED EFFECT.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE SEND POSITIONS ON ITEMS MENTIONED PARA 1 TOGETHER WITH FALLBACK POSITION ON INDICATIVE TARGET FIGURE.SORENSEN

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